PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: GEOFFREY HORNE et al. Examiner: LEE, Sin J. RECEIVED Serial No.: 09/828.075 GENTRAL FAX CENTER Group Art Unit: 1752 Filed: April 6, 2001 DEC 2 9 2003 For: LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING Docket No. 58575-278027 **FORMS**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding final Office Action mailed June 25, 2003, said period of response being extended from September 25, 2003 to December 25, 2003. Please deduct the \$420.00 paid on November 20, 2003 from the total fee \$950.00, leaving a balance due of \$530.00.

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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